



National Weather Service

Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



March 2003

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm
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KENTUCKY, Northeast

NONE REPORTED.

OHIO, Southeast

NONE REPORTED.

VIRGINIA, Northwest

NONE REPORTED.

WEST VIRGINIA, West

Fayette County Mt Hope

13	1503EST	0	8	16K	Lightning
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Lightning entered the second floor of the Mount Hope Middle School. Luckily, it was after most students had already gone home for the day. However, there were 30 to 40 students in the building for after school programs. Eight children were slightly injured. There were a few flash burns to the eyes, while other students were hurt by flying glass.

The school is located on a knoll or relatively high ground. Apparently, the lightning was attracted to the 2nd floor of the 3 story building by a set of outside wires. These wire ran through a nearby tree. The wires were fried. The lightning entered the principal's office, a bathroom, and one classroom. According to the Fayette County School Board, the electrical surge destroyed 2 computer systems with 27 monitors. Five television sets and 2 video cassette recorders were also destroyed. About a dozen windows were broken. In addition, there were broken water pipes, which caused flooding in 2 rooms. The school was closed on the 14th, as the facility was checked-out and repaired.

The quick moving showers, and embedded thunderstorms, formed along a cold front. Ironically, there were only a few strokes of lightning associated with this narrow line of precipitation.

Wayne County Crum

20	1835EST	0	0	Hail(1.25)
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Mingo County Kermit

20	1839EST	0	0	Hail(1.00)
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Webster - Upshur - Barbour - Pocahontas - Randolph

30	0330EST 1300EST	0	0	Heavy Snow
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The heavier snow rates fell for a few hours after dawn on this Sunday. Total snow accumulations of 5 to 10 inches were common. For elevations above 3,000 feet, snow depths reached around a foot.